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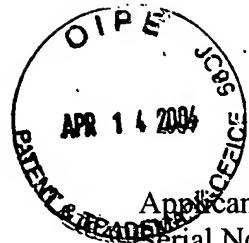
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventors</u>	<u>Title of Application</u>
10/712,674	November 13, 2003	Frederick Wilkins et al.	Water Treatment System and Method
10/712,621	November 13, 2003	Anil D. Jha et al.	Water Treatment System and Method
10/712,250	November 13, 2003	Gary Ganzi et al.	Water Treatment System and Method
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10/712,166	November 13, 2003	Anil D. Jha et al.	Water Treatment System and Method
10/712,162	November 13, 2003	Frederick Wilkins et al.	Water Treatment System and Method
10/712,685	November 13, 2003	Evgeniva Freydina et al.	Water Treatment System and Method

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The non-English language reference appears to relate to an electrodeionization device, water treatment system and/or component thereof.

DE 4418812 is directed to single and multiple electrolytic cells and arrays of such cells for deionizing aqueous solutions.

DE 1 201 055 is directed to heterogeneous membranes.

DE 199 42 347 is directed to electrochemically-regeneratable ion-exchanger for use in water purification comprises a conductive electrode coated with a conductive polymer.

JP 07-155750 is directed to a hot-water sterilization method for water purifier. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 07-265865 is directed to an electrolytic deionized water producing device. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 09-253643 is directed to a deionized water making method. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-079358 is directed to electrically deionizing device. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-079553 is directed to a method for packing ion exchanger in electric deionizer, and electric deionizer. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-104960 is directed to an electric deionizing apparatus. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-113137 is directed to production device of high purity of water and production method of high purity of water. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-113279 is directed to electro-deionizing apparatus. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-113280 is directed to electro-deionizing apparatus. An English Abstract is enclosed.

JP 2001-121152 is directed to an electric desalting apparatus. An English Abstract is enclosed.

“Déminéralisation De Solutions Électrolytiques Diluées. Analyse Comparative Des Performances De Differents Procédés D’Électrodialyse” appears to be directed to electrodeionization devices, water treatment systems, and/or components thereof.

Russian Patent No. 216622, dated 11/21/1972 appears to be directed to electrodeionization devices, water treatment systems, and/or components thereof..

Russian Patent No. 990256, dated 28 January, 1983 appears to be directed to electrodeionization devices, water treatment systems, and/or components thereof.

Russian Patent No. 1118389A, dated 15 October, 1984 appears to be directed to electrodeionization devices, water treatment systems, and/or components thereof.

WO95/32791 is directed to single and multiple electrolytic cells and arrays of such cells for deionizing aqueous solutions. An English Abstract is enclosed.

WO97/46491 is directed to a process for producing deionized water by electrical deionization technique. An English Abstract is enclosed.

WO97/46492 is directed to a process for producing deionized water by electrical deionization technique. An English Abstract is enclosed.

WO01/49397 is directed to an automatic device for purifying drinking water. An English Abstract is enclosed.

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

The references appear to relate to electrodeionization devices, water treatment system and/or components thereof.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

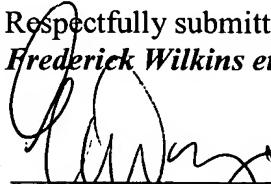
By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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